Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The outstanding achievements and ideas of the American inventor Thomas Alva Edison form a living legacy which continues to inspire all who are committed to science and its related disciplines; and,

WHEREAS, His inventive genius and exceptional dedication to careful research and experimentation created new industries and technologies which have contributed greatly to the growth and development of our state and nation. Our country and our states need men and women inspired by the example of Thomas Edison; and,

WHEREAS, The Thomas Alva Edison Foundation, devoted to continuing the work of this important man of science, seeks to stimulate increased awareness and interest among young people in considering careers in science and engineering; and,

WHEREAS, As part of this effort, the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation actively encourages high schools and industries across the nation to set aside one day every year to provide students and teachers with the valuable opportunity to meet with professionals employed in science, engineering and research; and,

WHEREAS, The date chosen for this national observance is the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Alva Edison. He was born February 11, 1847; and,

WHEREAS, In recognition of the worthy purpose and contributions of the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation and its important role in guiding the future scientists and engineers of our state and nation, I am pleased to designate February 11, 1987, as Edison Science and Engineering Youth Day in South Dakota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 11, 1987, as

EDISON SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING YOUTH DAY

in South Dakota, and urge its citizens to do honor to the inspiring heritage of America's great inventive genius, Thomas Alva Edison, by lending full support to all activities dramatizing to youth the unique challenges of science and invention and their vital role in improving the quality of life for all in today's expanding universe.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE